

Introduced by Senator Speier

February 15, 2005

An act to add Section 409.12 to the Military and Veterans Code, relating to military benefits, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 256, as introduced, Speier. California National Guard: life insurance.

Existing law provides certain protection and benefits for members of the National Guard and reservists called to active duty, as specified, during the period of military service, with respect to, among other things, court proceedings, contract obligations, rental agreements, taxes or assessments, and health or medical insurance.

This bill, for the 2005–06 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, would additionally require the State of California to pay for life insurance for every qualified active duty member of the California National Guard, as defined, in a policy amount of \$250,000, as provided.

This bill would continuously appropriate moneys from the General Fund to a state agency to pay for life insurance of every qualified active duty member of the California National Guard, as defined.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 409.12 is added to the Military and
- 2 Veterans Code, to read:
- 3 409.12. (a) Commencing on January 1, 2006, for the 2005–06
- 4 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, the State of California

1 shall pay for life insurance for every qualified active duty
2 member of the California National Guard in a policy amount of
3 two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) per member.

4 (b) The insurance shall be purchased through the
5 Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program.

6 (c) "Qualified active duty member" means a qualified active
7 duty member, as defined for purposes of the Servicemembers'
8 Group Life Insurance program.

9 (d) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code,
10 moneys from the General Fund, in the amount necessary to pay
11 for the life insurance premiums of active duty members as
12 provided in this section, shall be continuously appropriated,
13 without regard to fiscal years, to a state entity to be expended
14 exclusively for the purchase of life insurance for every active
15 duty member of the California National Guard.